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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Soviet Troop TrainsEVALUATION 25X1PLACE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE OF CONTENT March 1954DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 27 April 1954

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REFERENCES PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

25X1 CB - Converted Boxcar; B - Boxcar; F - Flatcar; RRym - Heavy-Duty Flatcar

25X1 Troop trains from the Halle
7 and 29 March 1954 included:

| <u>Date in</u> <u>March</u> | <u>Composition of</u> <u>Troop Trains</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------|------------------|
| 7 | 6 B, 5 F, 4 RRym | Halle | Dorndorf |
| 10 | 4 CB, 5 F | " | Dorndorf |
| 17 | 4 CB, 3 F, 2 RRym | " | Dorndorf |
| 18 | 13 B, 34 F | " | Ohrdruf |
| | 11 CB, 21 F, 2 RRym | " | Ohrdruf |
| | 4 CB, 22 F | " | Ohrdruf |
| | 5 CB, 17 F | " | Ohrdruf |
| | 6 CB, 17 F | " | Ohrdruf |
| 28 | 4 CB, 5 F | " | Dorndorf |
| | 3 B, 9 F, 6 RRym | " | Naumburg |
| | 3 CB, 24 F | " | Freyburg/Unstrut |
| 29 | 3 CB, 23 F | " | Bad Koesen |

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| Date in March | Composition of Troop Trains | From | To |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|------------|
| 21 | 2 CB, 4 F, 5 RRym | Grimma | Schwepnitz |
| 22 | 4 CB, 9 F, 7 RRym | " | " |
| 7 | 2 B, 2 F, 3 RRym | Wurzen | " |
| 21 | 2 B, 8 F | " | " |

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2. The following troop trains from the Cottbus railroad district were listed in railroad records between 3 and 25 March:

| Date in March | Composition of Troop Trains | From | To |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| 6 | 5 B, 16 F | Schwepnitz | Chrdruf |
| 7 | 1 B, 14 F | " | Weimar |
| 8 | 2 B, 12 F | " | Frauenhain |
| | 18 RRym | " | " |
| 9 | 25 B, 37 F | " | Weissenfels |
| 11 | 6 B, 8 F, 6 RRym | " | Chemnitz |
| 17 | 4 B, 10 F, 2 RRym | " | Jacobsthal |
| 6 | 3 B, 7 F, 4 RRym | Luebben | Spremberg |
| 25 | 4 CB, 9 F, 3 RRym | " | Peitz |
| 3 | 3 B, 3 F, 12 RRym | Cottbus | Brand |
| 11 | 14 CB, 32 F | Ksmenz | Chemnitz |

25X1 1. [] Comment. The troop trains carried components of the 21st Gds Mech Div to the
25X1 Iossa troop training grounds for combat firing practice.

25X1 2. [] Comment. On 18 March 1954, [] the departure of four troop
25X1 trains from Halle-Ammendorf to the Erfurt railroad district. []
25X1 The six troop trains reported in the present report hauled components of the 21st Gds
25X1 Mech Div to field exercises which also included contingents of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle
25X1 Div and were held in the Chrdruf-Gotha area on about 18, 19 and 20 March 1954. Com-
25X1 ponents of the 21st Gds Mech Div in Halle [] included: the 54th Gds
25X1 Hvy Arty Regt, [] 19th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt, []
25X1 until 10 March; and the 68th Gds Mech Regt []

25X1 3. [] Comment. [] troops of the 21st Gds Mech Div also
25X1 participated in the maneuver; the assumption is confirmed by pertinent troop trains
25X1 in the present report. []

25X1 4. [] Comment. The troop trains from Grimma and Wurzen carried contingents of the 8th
25X1 Gds Mech Div to field exercises at division level in the Koenigsbrueck-Zeithain area.

25X1 5. [] Comment. Between 6 and 17 March 1954, units returned from Schwepnitz to their
25X1 home stations after termination of combat firing practice at the Koenigsbrueck troop
25X1 training grounds. The troop trains from Chemnitz probably carried components of the
25X1 6th Gds AAA Div (US).

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6. [] Comment. The troop train from Lubben on 6 March 1954 which carried con-
[] tients of the 91st Tank Regt of the 9th Mech Div was previously reported. []
[] The other troop train of this regiment to Peits on 25 March
[] is reported for the first time. [] 91st Tank Regt until 25
[] March 1954. The troop train from Cottbus to Brand on 3 March is also reported
[] for the first time. The train carried an element of the 70th Mech Regt of the
[] 9th Mech Div [] confirmed until 3 March 1954.

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